

Commanding Officer's Environmental Policy Statement

The mission of Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune (MCBCL) is to provide facilities, training areas, ranges and quality of life services that support the readiness and global projection of operating forces. To sustain our operations and training capabilities, and to safeguard land-use availability, MCBCL will comply with environmental laws and conserve the natural and cultural resources with which it has been entrusted. In addition, MCBCL will minimize its impact on the environment via pollution prevention, community outreach, and commitment to continual improvement of an Environmental Management System.

Compliance

Marines uphold the Constitution and obey the Nation's laws. Maintaining compliance with environmental laws is critical to maintaining our readiness. MCBCL cannot waste resources on the penalties, staff-work, and adverse public attention that may accompany non-compliance with environmental laws.

Conservation

The public relies on us to protect the natural and cultural resources of MCBCL. We consider this an issue of special trust and confidence, and will respond to it as we respond for any challenge: with a dedication to do the best job possible at all times.

Pollution Prevention

Our pollution prevention efforts will maximize the use of products and processes that reduce exposure to hazardous materials. Pollution prevention will also mitigate the burden of environmental compliance. By reducing both the volume of waste streams and the costs of disposal and cleanup, we will improve our effectiveness and increase our efficiency.

Cleanup

MCB Camp Lejeune is committed to assessing and remediating contaminated sites aboard the Base that are the result of past disposal practices, and spills and leaks of hazardous materials and waste. We will continue to encourage public participation, facilitate cooperation, and exchange of information among parties associated with the investigation and remediation process.

Outreach

Marines are good neighbors. By partnering with local communities and regulatory agencies, we will enhance our stewardship of the environment, create goodwill, and build trust. Our goal is to work with our Coastal Carolina neighbors – to the benefit of all.

Environmental Management System

Systematic environmental management is an integral part of our day-to-day decision-making and long-term planning. MCBCL continually assesses its activities to determine their impact on the environment and actively seeks opportunities to continually improve our Environmental Management System.



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